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PARLIAMENT

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1. AT LUNCH WITH THE DCM ON JULY 21 SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
ANATOLIY GROMYKO RAISED THE SUBJECT OF BERLIN PARTICIPATION
IN A DIRECTLY ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THIS
TOPIC APPEARED TO BE THE SINGLE PREMEDITATED ONE DURING
THE CONVERSATION.

2. GROMYKO SAID THAT IF THE ALLIES PERMITTED BERLIN
PARTICIPATION IN A DIRECTLY ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,
"THE SOVIET RESPONSE WOULD BE MORE THAN A PROTEST."
HE ADDED THAT SUCH A DECISION BY THE ALLIES WOULD
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"BE THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE QA SO FAR."

3. THE DCM DID NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER, OBSERVING THAT ALLIED CONCERNS IN BERLIN WERE BEYOND THE KEN OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO THE GDR. IT MAY BE WORTH NOTING, NEVERTHELESS, THAT GROMKO INTENDED TO SEND THIS SIGNAL AND HAD CLEARLY THOUGHT BEFOREHAND ABOUT HIS REMARKS. HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFRAINED FROM DISCUSSING WITH MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY MATTERS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF BERLIN.COOPER

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